

Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue

Meeting Minutes

6/2/24

I. Call to order

Kriss Harrigian called to order the Board meeting of Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue at 4:13 p.m. on June 2, 2024, via Zoom.

II. Attendees

Kriss Harrigian
Barbara Renken
Sandy Diamond
Jessica Sutton
Jackie Smith-Hastie

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for December was unanimously approved. As of 3/31/24, our cash balance was \$93,560.77.

V. Old Business

1. Fundraising update

- Leslie White invited us to participate in a book signing or paint & sip fundraiser. We decided to pass for the time being.
- The Poorly Drawn Pet Portrait fundraiser brought in a revised amount of \$920.
- We received a Tailwagger grant of \$4,000. Thank you to Jackie Smith-Hastie for submitting the grant request! Jackie will check to see if they award grants for behavioral issues.

2. Dog update

Nate
Adopted!

Lando
Adopted!

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Phoenix
Adopted!

Emma
Adopted!

Sloan
Adopted!

Clifford/Benny
Foster: Jennifer Stavish/San Diego
Medical: None
Behavior: Continues to show signs of distress when left alone but is not destructive. He can be reactive to other dogs when on leash. He has been on clomipramine and we just started weaning him off to transition to fluoxetine. His foster continues to work with him on exercises provided in multiple Zoom sessions with Barbara D.
Action plan: Continue to look for an adopter willing to continue medication and training.
Adoption Outlook: He needs a very special family so it will take time.

Doc
Foster: Bithika Mehra
Medical: Nothing major, generally health is very good
Behavior: Can react to other dogs on leash. Needs careful introductions.
Action plan: Continue to assess applications and promote him.
Adoption outlook: Bithika is hoping to convince her husband to adopt Doc, but there is a constraint. She thinks there is a better chance of him agreeing once visiting parents have left. That will be after a trip they have planned from June 16-27.

Wyatt
Foster: Lily Talavera & Daniel
Medical: None.
Behavior: Some barking at strangers in home, uneasiness in the car.
Action Plan: Social media, courtesy listing
Adoption Outlook: Other playful dog needed since we think his energy would be high if not given the opportunity to play with other dogs, hikes.

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Popcorn

Foster: Diana and Christopher Johnson

Medical: None. On behavioral medications and supplements.

Behavior: Unruly and general anxiety.

Action Plan: Foster to adopt, adoption TBD. Will be introducing training exercises next week and evaluate if Barbara D is needed for further training.

The fosters have offered to pay for additional training and would like her help with other dog introductions.

Adoption outlook: F2A

Lady

Foster: Mariet Zograbyan

Medical: Lubricant in eye for the rest of her life. Mass on iris, possible melanocytoma vs melanoma.

Behavior: None

Action plan: 10/15 recheck growth of tumor with Animal Vision Center.

Adoption outlook: Home with another dog is fine, walks are one of her favorite things.

Lea

Foster: Lynn Gjertson

Medical: Rear legs missing digits on one leg and the paw on the other leg.

Behavior: None

Action plan: Look for home with yard/grass/soft ground for her to use her rear leg more to keep muscles active. Other playful dog.

Adoption outlook: On medical hold.

3. Website update

- Jessica added Stripe instead of Paypal for In-memorial donations

4. Foster home update

- Jackie reported on the last Foster and Events committee meeting. There have been six new foster applications since January and a few have been approved
- Jackie proposed doing something for our foster families once their foster dog is adopted. Everyone agreed and we'll further discuss what this might be.

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5. Events updates
 - Venice festival
 - Pups, Pinot and Pawsta in San Diego. Barbara is all set with volunteers for the event.
6. Discussed the pros and cons of using a debit card versus a credit card for rescue bills. We decided to stay with the debit cards.

VI. New Business

1. Investment options
 - Kriss discussed other options for our cash balance to earn interest – money market, CD's, treasuries. We also discussed the tax aspects. Kriss will check on the mechanics with the bank.
2. Knack database changes
 - Jackie had some suggestions to update the tables. We'll review and discuss at the next meeting.

VII. Next Meeting

June 30, 2024 at 4 p.m. via Zoom

VIII. Adjournment

Kriss adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.